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Statement of Purpose: To inform SCAA members and the AA fellowship at large, of selected items from GSO, the Area and items of general interest from the Districts. Area Web Address: www.aascaa.org. Information available in English and Spanish.

In Memoriam – Tom B**ney

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die"

Many of us who knew him were shocked and greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our longtime friend and trusted servant, Tom B**ney, on June 13, 2017.

We are all pieces of what we remember. In the days which followed his passing, I was grateful for the shared memories and the outpouring of love and appreciation expressed by so many of Tom's friends. Yes, Tom's laughter was indeed "one of a kind" -- and the joy and energy of his enthusiasm seemed to fill the room and was always contagious.

And as one of our most enduring trusted servants, Tom provided a legacy of love and service to our Area and Alcoholic Anonymous as a whole, serving ably in many capacities over many panels as a GSR, DCM, officer (Secretary, Contributions Treasurer, Accounts Treasurer) and committee chair (Archives). Tom was the type of trusted servant who seemed to bloom wherever he was planted, who gave his passionate best to the tasks for which he was responsible.

I also know the stories of some of the men Tom sponsored, and how much he gave of himself in face to face in 12th step work, day in, day out, to aid them in their recovery and spiritual growth.

But most of us will remember how Tom B made us *feel*, and how Tom B was, first and foremost, a kind and loving friend to so many of us. He was to me. I was privileged—indeed, favored—to have known Tom, to have worked with him, to have shared time with him and, above all, to have been afforded the opportunity to learn and grow from his example of warmth, kindness, generosity, and good will which he extended so graciously to all around him.

May we all aspire to live and serve as graciously as Tom did.

Scottish poet Thomas Campbell once wrote "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die"... there is indeed great comfort in knowing that someone so special as Tom will never be forgotten.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

Thomas B Delegate - Panel 67 Southern California Area 05 - Alcoholics Anonymous





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"THE CONFERENCE PROCESS—A GAME CHANGER"

"You want me to do what? You want me to go to my group and bring them questions of which I don't even understand and then ask them their views and opinions?" I recall how I felt as a new GSR when I was asked to get something called "an informed group conscious". What? What's that have to do with my sobriety?

Everything.

And so I sat at home staring at these questions that seemed so obscure to me. No matter how many times I read and reread some of them, I couldn't find me in it (and you know it's all about me). I was getting anxiety because I was sure I would do it wrong! (again about me).

My challenge is I think I'm unique. Even in my thinking I'm unique, I think I'm unique. I had been acting like no one else had ever been asked to do this task and I had to figure out the best way to get the best response. Oh yes, and I needed 30 packets of 30 pages of color copies so that my group could clearly see how great a job "I" was doing. Do you see a problem here?

And then I surrendered. I took direction. I asked questions. I allowed. I trusted THE PROCESS.

That's where the magic began, suddenly trying to find the perfect approach didn't seem as important. What I began to understand is that I am a trusted "servant" and I emphasize "servant". Taking direction from those who had gone before me and remembering what folks like our Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Area Chair and my DCM advised me. Things like:

- 1. Easy does it (first and foremost)
- 2. What does my group care about?
- 3. Are there any issues that I can find additional background on?
- 4. Were there any people in my homegroup who had led this process before?
- 5. What worked best for them?

And piece by piece it all came together. Our group chose six questions and discussed them over a three week period, discussing each one as we went along until we got a a place where we could report back to our Delegate (through the online submission) our group's consensus on various topics.

Again, what did it have to do with my sobriety? Everything! I learned it was okay not to know, how to ask questions, how to listen, how to follow direction and how to be part of a group, valuing each persons varying opinions. Therein lies the game changer!

Susanne W., District 18, Area 05 SCAAN Chair

GROWING AND LEARNING THROUGH COMMITTEE WORK



My experience as a CPC/PI member

Hello everybody my name is Carlos G. I got to participate in the Hispanic District 55, in LA, attending South Central Area, in 2014, 2015 as a GSR of my home group "My Last Hope" and in 2015, 2016 as a Secretary of the District, with a representation of 35 groups. As a member of the CPC/PI committee, I discovered that one of my partners working on the committee had a resentment towards his personal Doctor because when he asked for help to stop drinking the Doctor's answer was "I really don't know what to tell you." On the other hand, I also met a committee member that had a great sense of gratitude towards his Doctor and the institution he works for because at the moment he asked for help, they had all the information about alcoholism and the solution, the program of AA. These two opposite perspectives spoke volumes and was important to me as a committee member. My opinion is that we should work harder to approach all the professionals that have a chance to work with people having problems with alcoholism, especially doctors and nurses.

With love in the fellowship, Carlos G.

Delegate's Report

Reflections on the 67th General Service Conference

I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and to represent the collective voice of the 1,400 groups and 46,000 members of Southern California Area 5 as your Panel 67 Delegate to the General Service Conference. It is a huge and humbling responsibility, one that I take seriously. The actions taken at the Conference and the decisions that we make are not games that we're playing. To the best of our ability, we're making the decisions that we think are right for Alcoholics Anonymous, our groups, our members, and the growth and well-being of our movement. But I am also keenly aware that this responsibility is one that is continuously shared with and supported by each of you. Please accept my most heartfelt thanks and great appreciation for your tremendous work and for the steadfast support and assistance you have provided me.

At our May 13, 2017 Assembly, I reported on the actions taken and decisions reached at the 67th General Service Conference. I also reviewed Conference Report Advisory Actions and Considerations in our Committee Meetings, and give our Area a first-hand account of my personal and spiritual experience, "What I Saw and Heard and Felt", along with a question and answer session. At our May 13 Assembly, we began a discussion on "Ways to Effectively Communicate the Actions of the 67th General Service Conference to Our Groups".

My complete six-page written report covering the important work of the 67th General Service Conference is now available on our Area's website in English and Spanish. The report has been formatted as a "newsletter", intended to be easily read and understood by GSRs -- and by every member of our A.A. Fellowship. It reflects many of the important agenda items that were addressed through our Conference Committee process and general sessions, resulting in numerous advisory actions and additional committee considerations - improvements to A.A. literature, policy and finances.

This past Conference was - according to many long-time GSO staff members -- one of the most forward-looking and productive Conferences in recent memory. In fact, all of our work at this year's Conference – whose theme was "Supporting Our Future" -- seeks to better reach and help the suffering alcoholic, to better aid the health and welfare of our groups, and to foster and increasingly strengthen our services, and the growth of our Fellowship, our A.A. movement, into the future. Please feel free to download and distribute the online Conference report to any A.A. member in or out of General Service. It is completely anonymized.

I would group the top 5 developments from the 67th General Service Conference as follows:

1. Making the hand of AA available through Social Media - reaching alcoholics where they are:
Advisory Action - Public Information Committee: A.A. World Services, Inc. create a Google for Nonprofits account, with use of the account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program and with a guarantee that comments not be shown on A.A.W.S. YouTube pages.

This will allow AA to make widely available its PSAs to millions of YouTube users. We make them for people to view them and use them. Nielsen has ranked PSA "Doors" 26 out of the 1,855 PSAs monitored! That's the top 5% of all PSAs!

Advisory Action – Floor Motion (brought by Carole B, General Service Trustee): A.A. Grapevine create a Google for Nonprofits account, with use of the account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program and with a guarantee that comments not be shown on the A.A. Grapevine YouTube pages.

This will provide an enormous outlet for audio Grapevine and other Grapevine media, sharing experience strength and hope to those problem drinkers we can't reach in other ways who may be curious about what AA has to offer but too timid to enter our doors.

LinkedIn page: CPC Committee Consideration and Direction for Development: My committee considered the draft plan for implementation of a LinkedIn page and some of the potentially troublesome loose ends remaining. We requested the trustees' committee on CPC and Treatment/Accessibilities to continue exploring establishment of a presence on LinkedIn as a tool for CPC efforts; directing the trustees' committee to develop a full report including complete explora-

tion of all aspects of this social media tool, and, if feasible within our Traditions, to provide an implementation plan to the 2018 Conference CPC Committee that addresses overall implications of such a presence, including sample content and estimates for implementation cost and maintenance.

2. Strengthening the health and well-being of our A.A. Groups through Safety Literature.

Advisory Action – Area 05's Suggestion: That the trustees' Literature Committee develop language regarding safety to be incorporated in current and new recovery literature, where appropriate, along with a plan for implementation. That draft language and a proposed plan or progress report be brought back to the 2018 General Service Conference.

Advisory Action – The pamphlet "The A.A. Group" be revised to add the text from "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" to the section "Principles Before Personalities".

Advisory Action - That Question 10 in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" in the section "A.A. Group Inventory" that currently reads, "Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive and accessible meeting place?" be revised to read: "Are we doing all we can to provide a *safe*, attractive and accessible meeting place?

3. Inclusive, Never Exclusive - Spiritual Parity

No Action Taken - That the 2010 Conference Action on the spiritual parity of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña *need not be reconsidered*. The GSO staff recognized the powerful value of La Viña as a unifying force among Spanish-speaking AA members and as a twelfth-step tool in prisons, institutions and Spanish language communities. In the years since the black-and-white design update, article submissions have doubled, and the highly engaged Spanish-language AA community has stepped forward to support La Viña both in art contributions and manuscript submissions. The Grapevine board and the editorial staffs saw that the 2010 Conference Action that La Viña be published in spiritual parity to the A.A. Grapevine as a service to our Fellowship represented no impediment whatever.

Advisory Action, Floor Action - All Conference background materials to be translated. In the spirit of unity and inclusiveness, that the General Service Office strive to provide Conference background materials in English by February 15 and Spanish and French by the first week in March, beginning with the 68th (2018) General Service Conference. If we are truly serious about reaching an informed conscience as a Fellowship, all of our Conference materials must be available in all three languages of the Conference.

4. Vision - Informing and engaging our Fellowship as we look forward to our Future

Advisory Action - Starting with the 67th General Service Conference, an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report be published in addition to the current print version.

Advisory Actions: The theme for the 2018 General Service Conference be: "A.A. - A Solution for All Generations."

The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2018 General Service Conference:

- a. Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion
- b. Participation in All of A.A. Is My Triangle Balanced?
- c. A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
- d. Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World
- e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

The following be the workshop topic for the 2018 General Service Conference: "Getting the A.A. Message Out..."

5. Reaching Underserved Communities - Active Armed Services & Veterans: The military has a drinking subculture and rank and discipline system that makes it difficult for those in the active armed services and veterans to seek and find help for their alcoholism. Hundreds of thousands are affected.

Advisory Actions – CPC: That the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community review the pamphlets "If You Are a Professional," "Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous," and "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional," to develop text to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, including information on how to contact A.A. worldwide, and bring back a report or draft texts to the 2018 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community for review.

CPC Committee Considerations (No Conference Action Required) - Direction to develop service materials to aid and encourage CPC & Treatment/Accessibilities committees to reach out to professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services.

CPC Committee Considerations (No Conference Action Required) Suggested updates of the CPC Workbook (a) to include information about carrying the A.A. message to professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Service;

How should we use this information? I ask for each of you to please start gathering feedback for the next Conference now. Engage your group members in discussion on the Delegate's Report. What do the members of your group think and feel about what happened? What else would they like to see occur that would further improve A.A. literature, policy and finances? What suggestions do your group members have to better reach and help the suffering alcoholic? To better aid the health and welfare of our groups? To strengthen the growth of our Fellowship, and to support the services required to carry AA's message of recovery?

The General Service Conference process is not a two or three month sprint of communication with our groups. In order to be effective, it must be carried out throughout the year. Communication goes both ways: Once a Conference is completed, it is equally as important that we become educated and informed as to what transpired, so that we may faithfully report back the results to our Fellowship.

This reporting back - in turn - creates an informed Fellowship that responds with new and better ways yet to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous -- and to better insure our effectiveness and survival. This cycle of communication - of which all of us are each an integral part -- is how AA lives and breathes, and how AA grows and prospers.

I thank you for your service. What you and other GSRs are doing is precisely what Bill W was talking about when he called for "a Society of alcoholics in action". It's a vision that's changed and transformed the lives of millions worldwide, including yours and mine. And it's our own experience that inspires us to devote our lives to serving others.

In the end, when it comes to the challenges our A.A. movement faces, the need for action always exceeds the limits of what we do at the General Service Conference meeting. While there's plenty that the Conference can do and must do to improve our ability to reach and help the suffering alcoholic and to insure our Fellowship's survival into the future, there's a lot that the Conference alone cannot do. And that's where active, engaged A.A. members like you come in. That's the grand scope and purpose of service in our Fellowship.

And that's the point I want to emphasize: our participation in A.A. service isn't separate from our recovery, or secondary to our unity — it's integral to supporting and achieving our primary purpose. It's how we will meet the challenges of our time.

To this day - despite all the evidence to the contrary - there are still many members of our Fellowship with this notion out there that, well, service is nice, but it's not really essential; it's something you do once in a while to fulfill a requirement for a year or two – but the notion is that the real work of participating in our future is done by A.A. delegates, trustees and others with fancy service titles in New York.

But our A.A. history tells a very different story. It's the story of countless men and women who gave of themselves and reached out with loving kindness on a person to person basis to insure that the hand of A.A. is made always available to all who need and want sobriety. It is also the story of A.A. members who were keenly aware that the result of relying *solely* on person-to-person 12th Step work as the *only* form of outreach to practicing alcoholics would doom all those we can't reach personally to a miserable life or death. It's the story of members who participated in and strengthened the services we support *that makes twelfth step work possible*, understanding that *the need is ever present, the disease of alcoholism is real, and so are the lives and deaths of millions of suffering alcoholics to whom the hand of AA too often remains hidden.*

That has <u>always</u> been the story of our A.A. movement - the story of trusted servants just like you who participated in our future by stepping forward in challenging times to serve it. Those A.A.s were certainly never in it for money or prestige. They were service volunteers. Their service wasn't "extra." It was work that saved and transformed countless alcoholic lives, including yours and mine, work that has brought our A.A. movement to this point. Our work today is all about this precious thing that we've inherited and that we want to pass on, stronger, richer and more vibrant than when we received it.

We are all part of a legacy of service dating back to our founders. And I am profoundly grateful for your commitment, and for the opportunity we all have to work together as partners in a common effort to strengthen and secure and grow this amazing movement in reaching and helping alcoholics to recover.

Love & Service,

Thomas B.
Delegate
Southern California Area 05 - Alcoholic Anonymous

Security and A.A.: Our Common Welfare (www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-209_en.pdf)

"Security is an important issue within A.A., one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship."

- 1. "The third A.A. tradition establishes that the only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking." This brings an opening that helps define our character as a diverse community; "However, it also requires us to be aware of our group and individual security." A.A.'s membership has never been subordinated to any set of standards of behavior or morals, beyond those found in common sense, courtesy, and timeless values of kindness, tolerance, and love. What is your understanding of the type of behavior that is or is not acceptable at an A.A. meeting?
- 2. While most groups operate with a healthy balance of spontaneity and structure, there are a number of situations that can threaten the unity of the group and challenge the security of the group and its members. Often this can focus on disruptive individuals, those who are confrontational, aggressive, or those who simply do not want to put the needs of the group first. "Such behavior can hijack the focus of a meeting and scare members, new and old." What kind of plan can your group come up with to address disruptive behaviors or procedures through your group's awareness to ensure that the well-being of the group is protected?
- 3. The situations that groups have addressed through their group awareness include sexual harassment; threats of violence; Intimidation; financial coercion; racial or lifestyle intolerance; Pressure A.A. Members. In a particular view or belief related to medical treatments and/or drugs, politics, religion or other problems off the side. In addition, there may be other behaviors that go outside of typical meeting times that can affect if someone feels safe to return to the group. What situations or problems have you had in your group that made members feel insecure?
- 4. A.A. and the Law Common sense and experience suggest that A.A. membership does not give immunity to local regulations and be at an A.A. meeting. It does not put anyone beyond the jurisdiction of law enforcement. As individuals, A.A. members are also "citizens of the world," and as citizens we are not above the law.

Through the group awareness process, many groups have established guidelines on when it may be appropriate to call authorities and handle a particular situation within the legal system. No A.A. group has to discuss illegal behavior and any activity within an A.A. meeting It is subject to the same laws that apply outside the meeting. The nature of the illegal acts that the groups have faced including violence, embezzlement, property theft, drug sales at a meeting, and more. Do you think that a, you need to have stricter security policies and guidelines through a new brochure and how can you enforce it?

Our Common Welfare

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole.

A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

-Tradition One (Long Form)

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an A.A. meeting. Nevertheless, Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society we exist in. As such, problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety — to raise awareness in the Fellowship and to seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible to carry A.A.'s message of hope and recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.

Click this link to get <u>YELLOW CARDS</u> for your group regarding safety in A.A. or go to: www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-211_SafetyCardforAAGroups.pdf

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SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

Suggested Statement on Safety

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

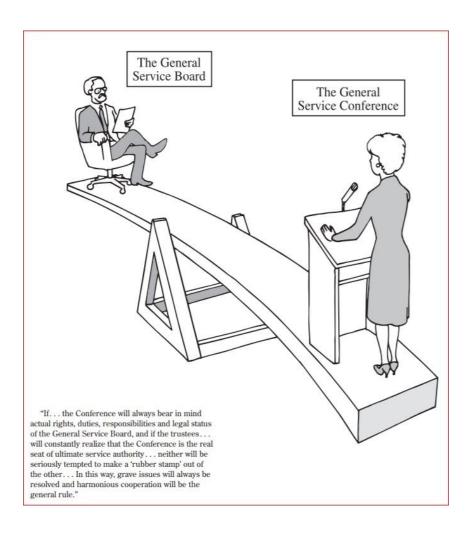
Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

Service Material from the General Service Office

July - Concept VII

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force fo tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and "balance of powers" between the Conference and the General Service Board. "This may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." On the one hand, "the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board. "Thus, the practical power of the Conference is, in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. This superior power derives from the traditional influence of the Conference Charter itself; from the fact that the delegates chosen by the groups always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference members"; and finally from the ability of the delegates to cut off financial support by the groups. "Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only; but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need." The Conference "recommends" — though its recommendations have the force of directives to the board. The board executes these recommendations. The board does have the legal authority to veto a Conference recommendation — but in actual practice, it never has done so. As Bill tactfully puts it, the trustees "simply refrain from using their legal right to say 'no' when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say 'yes.



Area 5 Southern California Area Committee Meeting Minutes Saturday, June 24, 2017/Hosted by District 14 Women's Club of Downey 9813 Paramount Blvd/Downey, CA 90240

8:00 Breakfast Fellowship & Registration

9:00 Call-to-Order/1 Minute Silent Meditation/Serenity Prayer

Presentation on Concept 2 – Teofilo MCD Dist. 34

Roll Call – Registrar

Approval of Agenda -June 24, 2017 Area Committee Meeting – Amendment to the Agenda, the ACM Minutes will be approved at the next ACM - Approved Unanimously with Amendment.

DCM and DCMC Reports

- **Dist. 2 Susan P.** DCM -Since the last ACM, District 2 hosted a pre-conference afternoon and while attendance did not bring down the house, for those there, it was the first time they had attended a General Service function like this. The information was very well received and there was lively discussion, proving that even if AA members say they are not interested in General Service, they greatly appreciate the chance to share their views and do understand the importance of the conference process. We are now completing meeting surveys on topics for the Foothills Roundup General Service meeting.
- **Dist. 13 Dan E. DCM** Hosted the last Third Legacy which was not well attended. Thomas B. gave a great presentation about what happened at the Conference. Zoraida came and spoke to us about the HWW and her role as secretary and the meeting of the month.
- **Dist. 35 Antonio A. DCM** Thanked Alternate Luis. We have 20 groups in the San Gabriel Valley. Our main concern is to carry the message. We have an agenda to visit 2 groups every week. We have 4 unrepresented groups. We are attending the CIH where the 5 districts get together. We have a new district in the process of forming. We are having an event for archives, PI, La Vina and internet committees this year instead of 4 individual events. We are hosting this event on August 20th. This is the first time we have a CEC representative.
- **Dist. 14 Rosie Z. DCM** We have been working on hosting this event for past 1 ½ months. Lauren is coming to visit our district meeting. We held a preconference workshop where Thomas, Zoraida, and Brian. We have 4 new GSR's. I've been participating with Zoraida in the Hispanic Women's Workshop Committee. We are looking forward to the 7/27 event.
- **Dist. 6 Mary Ann K.– Alt. DCM** Primary membership is Brentwood and the VA. The DCM visits the VA meetings and I visit the Brentwood Meetings. I've been visiting the groups and make it clear about how much we need their input. I attend the Westside meetings and stay active. I hope Dist. 6 perks up a little bit.
- Combined Hollywood Districts Jennifer S. DCMC Now includes Dist. 10. We've had an average of 10-15 participants. The districts have blended together as one. We don't really have an identity. We have not been outreaching for the last 2 panels. This panel, we have been having lots of informed discussions about what it means to be a combined district. We've been focusing on what General Service means. We go into places where alcoholics are. What does this mean to the groups that we serve. We have a push to reach out to meetings. We have been having discussions about how to better serve our meetings?
- **Dist. 36 Tom K.** Our big event coming up is the Not a Glum Lot picnic. We have been fundraising for that and it went very, very well.

- **Dist. 34 Theofilo DCM** We have 2 GSR meetings per month. We have 13 groups with 13 GSR's. I visit 1 group per week. We celebrated the AA anniversary on June 10th. We had good attendance and Thomas B. spoke. On the 18th we had a General Service workshop.
- **Dist. 15 Mike V. DCM** Almost 100% current on meetings listed as current or not listed in district. Provided a new GSR with orientation. Want to figure out how to be direct and tactful about why meetings need GSR's.
- **Dist. 7 Joe T. DCM** Strong attendance at district meeting. Lauren and Thomas visited and Zoraida will visit in August. A woman in our district wants to start a Hispanic meeting.
- **Dist. 33 Bill L. DCM** We visit 3 groups per week bringing them our Delegate's report, Box 459, SCAAN, and district and national convention bulletins as well as other information on the Women's movement and safety. We have been leaving envelopes with the \$7.27 challenge and are motivating La Vina support. We have 13 registered GSR's and 7 who attend meetings. We celebrated the 82nd AA anniversary. We are working with PR & CPC. We are currently trying to reestablish the meetings with Central Office and Dist. 55 to work in unity.
- **Dist. 8 Susan D. Alt DCM** There are 17 meetings in Beverly Hills with 4 GSR's. I was DCM and GSR at a very large women's meeting and found that people respond to interacting with love. I want to have a GSR workshop. I believe that being a good example works, people don't like harsh policing. We have to understand the individual and act with love in our heart.
- Dist. 3. Lisa M. DCM We have about 100 groups about ½ are represented about 25 come to our meetings. We have meetings of the month where we attend a represented and unrepresented meeting each month and fellowship at one of them each month. She's trying to visit as many meetings as she can. We've started having pizza. We had Zoraida out. We're getting really good attendance. I inherited a great email process from my predecessor, Brian P. She likes to call AA a Modern Day Pony Express. Thomas has visited and Lauren is visiting soon. We are revisiting the Concepts and having monthly reports. We're encouraging La Vina subscriptions.
- **Dist. 4 Amy O. Alt DCM** We are considering having a picnic we created a mission statement. We've been keeping our GSR's informed.
- **Dist. 30 Bae D.- DCM** Just celebrated 27 years. We had a successful 4th step workshop and are having another one Sat July 1 and we already have a lot of people signed up. We're having a traditions workshop. We have about 7-8 groups. Last Wednesday we had Thomas B. give us a report back. Our Hispanic Women's meeting has been stable with a strong group and Zoraida has been amazing at supporting us. We are hosting the next Area Assembly in July. We have 3 committees that are growing in service. Corrections, H&I, CPC, and we have 2 volunteers supporting Niki with the EAPA. We're working to reach more groups. I will be Co-chairing the next 4 are DCM sharing session in 2018. Thank you to Lori and Lauren.
- **Dist. 37/38 Albert M. DCM** Come to our picnic tomorrow. We're expecting about 500-700 people most of which don't know about General Service.
- Westside Combined –Sharon S. DCMC We've launched a website westsidedistricts.org to facilitate collecting contributions. Our contributions are up since last panel. About 1/5 of our contributions are done online. Thomas B. came out to give a report back. We are on a campaign to send pictures of our meeting halls to the grapevine. Mary T. visited our meeting and got people excited about Archives. Lauren is coming next month. Our attendance is low; so, we're excited to have people from the area visit. Our meetings don't like shaming. We're finding ways to verify meetings. We're taking a look at the Guidelines and Policies to see if they are working. They are also looking at their money.
- Dist. 39/40 Eli J. I've been sending emails to group secretaries without GSR's. Vnmo is a great resource.
- Jose Luis Treasurer from CIH We are looking at starting a new district. The next meeting is on the 12th We are working on a big event on August 20th. They have 2 organizing meetings a month.

Announcement of the passing of Tom Barney who served the Area for many years.

Officer Reports:

Alt. Delegate – Thomas S.- Moved by the DCM reports today. Read something that Bill N. said at our 67th General Service Conference. "Embracing all 12 Traditions, not picking and choosing which ones are convenient." He went on to say, "We don't embrace them out of fear but rather out of Love for AA. The only thing that has worked to arrest our alcoholism." Tomorrow is the H&I Intergroup meeting. When he visited the GSO he delivered Miguel's, Corrections Chair, questions to the Corrections desk at the GSO. If any of the committee chairs want to communicate with the GSO let him know and he will contact, you with the indicated person at the GSO.

Planning for the 2018 Pre-conference workshop is in the planning stages. We contracted with that facility at the request of our delegate. He will be visiting the Hollywood Combined Districts in July. There's been great discussion regarding the development of the Hispanic Women's groups spearheaded by our own Zoraida. Our new Class A Board member is a female – Michelle Greenberg. Nonalcoholic members can do things our alcoholic members cannot so as to not violate anonymity. The Grapevine has a new publication of amends. I encourage all DCM's to inform their GSR's about new literature; so, that they can carry that back to their meetings.

SCAA Audit Subcommittee Report - Thomas S. - We are having no problems or concerns On Panel 67 with everyone fulfilling their responsibilities.

Registrar - Brian P.- Thanked everyone for helping hid clean up their district lists. He sent out a list of meetings and primary contacts to all DCM's and has received a good amount of responses from DCM's. He pointed out that information does not expire on the GSO database; so, it is important to keep that information update.

Went to the Foro in Las Vegas, Area 42 and met with their area registrar. Area 5 helped them get their Foro started and supports them. Would like to visit districts. He is going to the Not a Glum Lot picnic. He visited Grupo 12 Tradiciones to give them information about how to form a new district. We are an upside down service structure and we do what the groups want. So, if the groups want a new District then we will have to accommodate that and add a new voting member to our structure. He is working on the Area map in Google Map. We need the group's voice.

Secretary – Zoraida R. – Reviewed some of the DCM highlights from the previous ACM minutes; to encourage a flow of ideas on how to carry the message among DCM's, GSR's and Committee Chairs. As area secretary she gets to listen to the recordings a couple of times and hears how much work, service, and love goes into our area and how awesome it is. She visited the new Spanish district with Brian P., Juan M., Jim I. and Javier F.. She went as a translator and got to see how a new district is formed. She visited a few districts since the last ACM and is visiting Dist. 49 and the Hollywood Combined. She was asked to speak and represented Area 5 at the Las Vegas Foro and found out that Area 5 supported and encouraged their Spanish districts. She was invited to participate in the La Vina Workshop on Irene Donoso's panel. She had the opportunity to represent Area 5 at PRAASA which was very exciting. Motion was made to approve the 2018 calendar/ Seconded/Approved Unanimously

Accounts Treasurer - Terry C. – updated the financial report with a change in the header. The financial information is accurate and was reprinted. Motion to approve that the Accounts Treasurer 1st Quarter 2017 Financial Report to be accepted as presented at the ACM. 2nd by Sean A., Finance Chair Approved Unanimously

Contributions Treasurer – Doug S. – He goes to the post office box, picks up contributions, tracks all meetings and groups for our area, makes deposits, and sends reports. My 1st Quarter 2017 report and Terry's report balance. I made manual updates on the reports. The 1st quarter contributions were excellent at \$12,877.77. We're also doing well this quarter.

Motion to Approve the 1st Quarter 2017 Accounts Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd

Question – Doug explained how he determines where a check is coming from if not indicated on the check. Unanimously passed

Chairperson's Report - Lauren A. – Thanked the officers for their service to the Area. We have 31 districts and had 13 in attendance today. Dist. 30 is hosting our July Assembly. Hollywood Combined is hosting the August ACM. Dist. 55 is hosting October 22nd Assembly, and the Westside Combined the November ACM. In August the Foothill Round-up is coming up and Thomas S. is the liaison for that. She will visit Dist. 14 and Westside combined – She plans on scheduling a visit to District 3. Lauren will not be at the August ACM. Thomas B. will be chairing that.

Presentation on Area Hosting Guidelines - Shawn A. - Finance Chair

He did not find Area hosting guidelines. His motivation to do this was because people are concerned about the food cost. We need to come up with less expensive ways to feed the body. Do we need guidelines for hosting or just an outline. A Q&A followed: Scott M. – I have Area Hosting guidelines that have not been approved. Jim I. – We were going to have official guidelines but there was a strong objection at the Assembly. Nikki U.- I wrote the article in the SCAAN based on some guidelines that was sent to me when I was DCM. Yes, there was mention to prepare for 300 people. But that was before we split into 2 areas. Our District prides itself in coming under budget. We do that by preparing the food ourselves. Thomas B, Delegate, made a recommendation to Chairperson to form an Ad-hoc committee to review past guidelines and policies for hosting an assembly and recommend new guidelines. Lauren A., Chairperson, accepts the Delegate's recommendation. Jennifer S. with Sharron S. created a guideline called a Hosting Kit and submitted that to the finance committee for review. It was very detailed so they went line by line. It didn't make it out of the finance committee. So, this document already exists. Mary T., historically we did not incorporate guidelines and policies to allow for flexibility for rent and other costs that would fluctuate across different locations within our area. Bill L., last panel we hosted and we tried to stick to the food budget and we did. We regretted it at the event because we ran out of food. Sharon S., the work you are referring to has been done. It should be givien to the hosting district. Nadine, can help anyone that needs it. Thomas S., all of this work has already been done in detail on the last panel but was never accepted. Lauren, Chairperson, states we don't need an ad'hoc committee for any of this. Gordy H. - What's the budget of food at the area? I think the Accounts treasurer needs to look at the budget of \$1,000.00. Lauren, Chairperson, we want to make sure we don't go over budget and that all can participate in general service. Crystal – Our district does take pride in being of service. Nadine kept track of how much we were spending. There was an email thread that kept everyone aware of how much we were spending.

<u>Delegate's Report - Thomas B</u> - Thanked the body for the support and work given to prepare him for the 67th General Service Conference. My report is available on the Area website formatted as a newsletter so that it be read. Please read it. We can't transmit something we haven't got. Your GSR's are not going to be more informed than you are. Your GSR's are not getting the information from the delegate. They are getting that information from the DCM. These are some highpoints of the Conference. We were determined not to fail. He trusted that everyone was going to act in the best interest of AA as a whole. Please feel free to distribute the Conference Report to anyone in the fellowship.

1. Making the hand of AA available through Social Media – AAWS create a Google for nonprofits account. What does this do? It makes PSA's available to everyone. Go to aa.org and see the PSA Doors. It is within the top 5% of all PSA's. This page will provide an enormous outlet for Grapevine giving hope to alcoholics who can't reach us or too timid to walk through our doors. We do not want comments shown on the site. Linked In: We consulted CPC and Treatment Accessibility – he heard concerns from the groups about a violation of Traditions.

We are an anonymous organization, not an invisible one. This is a Linked In page for professionals. Major focus was reaching the alcoholics where they are.

- 2. Strengthen the health and well-being of our AA groups through safety literature. The major focus was Safety. The trustee's Literature Committee developed language regarding safety to be incorporated into literature. There is already information on aa.org. "Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare" is available. There have already been request to add language.
- 3. Inclusive, Never Exclusive- Spiritual Parity value of La Vina. There was no action taken. La Vina is a unifying force in our fellowship. Advisory Action, Floor Action All Conference background materials to be translated. In the spirit of unity and inclusiveness, we're going to have all materials translated.
- 4. Vision: Informing and engaging our fellowship as we look forward to our future. Advisory Action Starting with the 67th General Service Conference an anonymity protected digital Final Conference report to be published and shared. Advisory Action The theme for the 2018 General Service Conference is: AA A Solution for All Generations. Conference Topics:
 - a. Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, not exclusion
 - b. Participation in All of AA Is My Triangle Balanced?
 - c. AA Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
 - d. Attraction not promotion: AA's Relation to the World
 - e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force
- 5. Reaching Underserved Communities Active Armed Services & Veterans: The military has a drinking sub-culture and rank and discipline system that makes it difficult for those in the active armed services and veterans to seek and find help for their alcoholism. Millions are affected. Advisory Actions That the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community review the pamphlets "If You Are a Professional," "Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous," and "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional," to develop text to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, including information on how to contact A.A. worldwide, and bring back a report or draft texts to the 2018 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community for review.

Committee Considerations (No Conference Action Required) - Direction to develop service materials to aid and encourage CPC & Treatment/Accessibilities committees to reach out to professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services.

Committee Considerations (No Conference Action Required) Suggested updates of the CPC Workbook (a) to include information about carrying the A.A. message to professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Service;

How do we do this information?

DCM's tell your GSR's to begin to address issues on the Delegate's report. What do the members of your group think and feel about what happened. Do they have suggestions?

To be effective, we need to communicate with our groups all year long. It's not a 3 month sprint. We need to carry out communication throughout the year. We need to become educated on what transpired. New and better ways to carry the message. That's the cycle. Attendance is vital. GSR's attend Assemblies and District meetings which is expected of them. It's not voluntary. Standing and deciding to stand is voluntary; once you do, the job commitment is not involuntary. They are requirements.

- The need for action exceeds what we can do at the Conference alone. There is a lot that the conference alone cannot do. That is the purpose and scope of Service in our fellowship. There are a lot of members in our groups that are cynical. Cynical people know the price of everything but they know the value of nothing. Our AA history tells a story of men and women who reach out selflessly on person to person basis.
- Focus on the services we support. There are millions of alcoholics dying every year who have never heard of alcoholics anonymous. We are service volunteers, we are not paid. Our work today is about this precious thing we have inherited.
- \$7.27 on 7/27 look at handout. This would support all the services GSO provides to each AA member in 1 year. Upcoming news Vacancies
- Vacancy for Class B Regional Trustee to replace Joel C.
- Vacancy AA Grapevine Non-trustee Director submit Resume by August 1st
- AA World Service Inc. Board Resume due by Friday July 7th 2017

Round Tables

Round Table Report backs

Chair.

Good and Welfare Announcements

Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish and English)

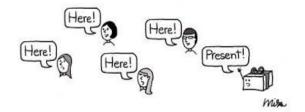
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	Voting Committee Chairs and Alternates	11
	Area Officers	7
	Past Delegates	6
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1 Committee Chair was present who also serves as Secretary. She was counted as an Area Officer and not a Voting Committee Chair.

Did you know?

80 years ago

In late 1937, Bill pays another visit to Dr. Bob in Akron. Comparing notes, they are astonished to find that at least 40 of the many alcoholics with whom they've worked have stayed sober for two years. This discovery leads to exciting possibilities: Bill and Bob discuss developing a chain of hospitals dedicated to the treatment of alcoholics; employing salaried workers who would spread the word; and literature—especially a book, meant to carry the message far and wide.



A.A. AREA 05

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES - DELEGATE CONFERENCE REPORT

Hosted by District 4 - Saturday - May 13, 2017

Temple City Congregation Pacific Southwest International Mission Center 9468 Broadway Temple City, CA 91780

8:00 Breakfast, Fellowship, Registration & A.A. Meeting - Leader - Gordy H.

9:00 Welcome/Silent Meditation/Serenity Prayer/Call-to-Order

AA Birthdays (January - May)

Roll Call - Registrar, Brian P.

Approval of January 28 Assembly Minutes - Zoraida R. Secretary

Motion Made by Secretary – Seconded and Unanimously Approved by the Body

Delegate Report by Thomas Bishop 67h General Service Conference Report

Personal and Spiritual Experience - "What I Saw and Heard and Felt"

Our Delegate serves on the CPC Committee. He reported that they just finished one of the productive conferences that they've had, having gone through 93 agenda items. Thanked all for sending him as our representative to the conference. Our Delegate asked, "What is the General Service Conference?" He went on to say ever since Dr. Bob and Bill W. turned over the ultimate responsibility of Alcoholics Anonymous, as a whole, to the groups, 93 areas get together with the Trustees of the General Service Board, Non-trustee Directors about 133 in all. Together we review the finances and operations of AA as a whole and make suggestions for improvements to AA policies, literature and finances that help carry the message of AA and strengthen our groups and secure our future. The very first report he heard was from Mary Templeton, Panel 51. He was amazed. His job here is to share his experience to help prepare future delegates for the conference. Mary didn't know that she was giving a report to the panel 67 delegate. He is pretty sure he is giving a report to the next delegates of Area 5. Thomas thanked the body for their preparation for the conference saying he received over 450 responses. It gave him a strong sense of Area 5's group conscience. He got to hear a lot of opinions, fears, and biases which was valuable. He thanked Thomas S., Alternate Delegate, and Dist, 14 for hosting the preconference workshop.

- Landed at 7:30 in NY and told his taxi driver that he was a Delegate of AA. And the driver started telling him about his own alcoholism. Thomas had a 12 Step call with his driver then went to his hotel room and took a nap.
- Saturday a.m., he went to the Rockefeller Estate with other members of the conference. Then attended the 1728 meeting which is 12 steps X 12 Traditions X 12 Concepts, where they talked about the balance of power between the Trustees and the Conference. The key to everything is harmonious cooperation and spiritually centered solution.
- Afterwards, he went into the Remote Community Meeting, where people who are remote by language, geography, and culture. He shared a report from Zoraida regarding her work with Hispanic Women.
- Next Delegates Only meeting, where he got an overview of the week. He was told that this is a marathon, not a sprint. Last year we had 67 agenda items, this year we had 93 agenda Items. The delegates were told that once they have voted and moved on, respectfully, do not speak against their committee. They were asked to respect the group conscience of your committee. Minority opinion is very important. He heard, Coffee is not food.
- Sunday morning was the registration. He got his book, his lanyard with his name on it, and took a look around at others putting on their lanyards. It dawned on him that he was at the Conference. That he was a member of the conference to help move our movement forward. It was an emotional moment for him, even Roll Call was emotional.
- Next Delegate Orientation by Region with a focus on making sure that our movement grows and prospers and hat this movement that saved our lives is here for those to come.
- Next Trustees report with an opportunity to ask questions. The Trustees committee works year round. They brought in a letter for professionals.
- Monday, they began to meet in their committees. Over the next few days the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community worked on the following agenda Items.
 - A. The Committee recommended retiring the pamphlet "Three Talks to the Medical Societies by Bill W." It will no longer be printed but will be available for download in our archives.
 - B. The Committee recommended adding a footnote to the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol."

- C. The Committee recommended changing the title of the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" to "Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?
- D. We discussed ways of improving communication with professionals that come in contact with men and women in the Armed Services. The trustees' Committee on CPC review the pamphlets "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional", "If You Are a Professional", and "Members of the Clergy Ask About A.A." They will develop text to include information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services and will bring a report back to the 2018 Conference for review.
- E. We requested the Trustees Committee develop a full report that includes complete exploration of all aspects of the social media tool and if feasible within our traditions provide implementation plans for the 2018 Conference CPC Committee that addresses overall implications of such a presence, including sample content and estimates for implementation cost and maintenance.
- They also discussed ways of improving communication with Professionals who come in contact with Veterans and active members of the Armed Services. We asked the CPC committee to develop literature that aids and encourages CPC committees to reach out to professionals who come in contact with veterans. We suggested updates to CPC workbook with sample guide letters that reach those professionals.
- We reviewed the CPC workbook and made the following suggestions which is a direct result of the report back from our past delegates at the Preconference workshop, specifically Mike P. We suggested that the language used in the letters we send to professionals be reviewed and updated so it is current and relevant.
- Thomas B. was elected as Delegate Chair of his committee for next year and he will attend the Board Weekend in January 2018.
- Every CPC item passed at the Conference.
- The Policies and Admissions recommend that we have documents translated into English and Spanish. What about French? There was a floor action to translate it to French also without a plan. And it passed.

New GSR Orientation led by the Alt. Delegate, Thomas S.

Coffee Break - Morning Stretch

Delegate Report by Thomas B. 67th GSC Report: Business Report Conference Advisory Actions

- Thomas B. thanked Thomas S. for his help in preparing for the Conference and gave him the Advisory Action from the Conference from 1951 to 2016 signed by all the Delegates from the Pacific Region
- Thomas gave gifts to the other officers and the newest GSR.
- Thomas thanked the Past Delegates for the gigantic basket of goodies and a note wishing him the conference of his life. 2016 Financial Highlights

Our 7th tradition was a record high in 2016, 7.9 million up 11% from 2015, AA World Service literature sales were up 5%.

AAWS net profit was 1.4 million we had budgeted a loss. Grapevine subscriptions increased. Our Reserve is at 14.9 million resulting in 10.3 months.

Addressed Conference business and addressed the questions asked of the groups.

Translation: We asked about the translation of Conference materials. The Conference requested that the Trustee committee send it back with a plan.

Corrections Correspondence: We encouraged our male members to write in to the Correction correspondence service. Thomas sponsors men on the inside and finds it rewarding to help them in their recovery.

Finance: Committee voted to change their consideration of financial matters from every year to every other year. There was a recommendation to raise the level of individual contributions which failed. We can expect it to resurface next year. It remains at \$3,000.00.

Finance Agenda Item IV D: Consider request to add text to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" indicating there is no dollar limit to the amount a group may contribute. This item failed because the Conference is not quick to pass anything that is vague or ambiguous.

2010 advisory action regarding La Vina: Recommended we take a look at the spiritual parody between La Vina and Grapevine. No Action was taken.

Advisory action 5B Grapevine books the Conference approved the publication of La Vina stories into books

Literature regarding safety – in the AA group pamphlet there is going to be an insertion from the safety language that's in the new service piece Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare. They are also going to take area 5 suggestion to develop safety literature in AA. There is now a new yellow card for every group on safety.

Policy and Admissions: There was no action taken on the suggestion to consider a request to add a "YPAA Subcommittee" to the service structure.

Public Information: AAWS is setting up a Google for Nonprofits and is going to have a YouTube page. They will feature for example our PSA Doors which is in the top 5% of all PSA's. Other aspects of Social Media, such as Instagram, Twitter, are being looked into.

Literature: They have suggestions and reviewed some of the drafts for all 3 pamphlets for the LGBT, Woman and Mental Health, that were approved last year and will be brought back next year.

Policies and Admissions: Final report on translation of background Conference material: They will translate conference material into Spanish and French. We will know more in the next 30 days

Misc.: Unity in Action, the new book from Archives with a series of Bill W's talks is moving forward. \$7.27 challenge for AA to support services, which is the cost for each member. 7/27 every AA member can contribute \$7.27 to GSO contribute online and make a recurring contribution.

Q & A of the Delegate began with: **David W. - Clarify what position you were elected for?** Chairperson for the Conference Committee Chairperson to the CPC. **At what point of the process are the considerations drafted and prepared?** The committees can take direct action as they choose. We are able to make suggestions or specific changes as additional considerations. Sometimes the committee takes no action. The matter in which they are enacted will vary. **Terry C. – Can you give us an update on the Gay and Lesbian Pamphlet** They are currently working on it. They have an opening and are working on the closing. **Scott M – Thanked Thomas B. for a great report. How did the French Canadians speak to the translation into French and how the Conference reacted.** The translation was not universal and it was not universally distributed. Some of the delegates asked how would this conference do this if we had recommended that they translate the material into Spanish and French? It's an all or none situation.

Lunch

Officer Reports:

Registrar – **Brian P.** – He helps keeps group records. There have been 3 new groups. GSO has their own database. We register through the Area, then the GSO communicate with the groups directly. The Registrar has access to the GSO database to make changes directly. There is no need to contact the GSO directly for registration changes. He learned a lot at the PRAASA Registrar round table. The GSO gets plenty of returned mail which costs them money. He updated lists for the DCM's. There is a New GSR kit available on the AA.org website. District committees will receive kits in the mail. He registered the Area's only Hispanic Woman's stag in our area. He got notice from GSO that the first Korean group registered in our area.

Secretary – Zoraida R. – Since the last assembly has visited Districts 3, 33, 13, 35, 14, and the CIH. She went into detail in the minutes, specifically for the Committees; so, that new GSR's can look at the minutes and see what committees interest them most and join. For example, the Archives committee was looking for a permanent archivist. The CEC committee is hosting a Seniors in Sobriety workshop with Area 93. The Corrections committee is active in Metro 1 on 1, correspondence, and more. The PI committee is distributing information in a variety of public places. We are a very active area; so, look at what the other committees are doing. She presented the 2018 Draft Calendar.

Alternate Delegate – Thomas S. - Attended the round table for Alternate Delegates at PRAASA and helped plan the Preconference workshop to help prepare the delegate for the Conference. His primary responsibility is to pray for the welfare of our Delegate. Thomas B. has come back in tremendous service to our area. Thomas S. arrived at the GSO the day after Thomas B. left. His name was on the lips of everyone at the GSO. Everyone was impressed with his preparation. Thomas S. had the opportunity to meet with staff regarding the considerations for veteran's affairs. I asked specific questions to the staff on behalf of the chairs of our area regarding their committees. He also got to visit Stepping Stones.

Contributions Treasurer - Doug S. – He picked-up the contributions and inputted them into the database. Presented the contributions report for the 1st quarter. He put in a lot of details. His report balances with the Accounts Treasurer. The area is on a good pace towards our projected income. Thanked the groups and individuals for their contributions.

Accounts Treasurer - Terry C. – Contributions come in and Doug deposits them and I get those reports from Doug. So he depends on Doug for his reports. Presented the 1st Quarter 2017 Financial Report. We spent less in the 1st Quarter

compared to our income. This report shows which committees are active because we'll see which ones are requesting reimbursements for expenses. We gave committees a budget this year knowing they will request more money. So, please do not hesitate to ask for more money if you need it for your committees. The 2017 1st Quarter Financials will be voted on at the ACM.

Chairperson – Lauren A. – Visited District 35 with Zoraida. She also visited District 7. She went to PRAASA and learned a lot in the Chairperson round table and had an opportunity to hear how other areas operate. Thank you District 4 for hosting today. Please check in with the Registrar and make sure your emails are correct.

Presented the new archives person is Mary T.

Presented the new Literature Chair is Faith and Alternate is Christine

Announced Bea and Nate as the liaisons for the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session.

Announced the possibility of a new Spanish District. The meeting will be on Wednesdays 8-10 6114 York Blvd ste. D in District 49. Jim I. and Juan M. will be attending that. **Audit Sub Committee Reports – Jim I., Chairperson** – The CFO gave the report in the last panel. The financial officers are working well together; so, we have not had to get involved this panel

Local Forum Ad-Hoc Committee - Gordy, Chairperson – The Forum will be on July 12-14, 2018. The next committee meeting will be on June 9th at Brian & Zoraida's house. Need a venue that can accommodate 1,000 people let us know.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Mary T., Chairperson – 8 in attendance. Had a visit from the LA Central Office Chair. Talked about how we could work together and about the Conference agenda report and about preparing a budget for next year. We voted on sending the Chair to the National Archives workshop. We want to have an archives repository online. Want to build-up district archives as well as the area archives. Please invite someone in your districts and groups to participate in the Archives Committee. We voted unanimously to have our own area online website. The support is unanimous from the area.

PI Chair - Nadine S., Chairperson – 5 people in attendance. We're working with Colleges in the area. Antonio is working with Rehab counselors. We just participated in an Aids Project LA event. We are going to work with reaching out to Spanish speaking ladies. They are excited about reaching out to those alcoholics who don't know AA is out there.

Guidelines & Policies Committee - Jennifer S., **Committee Member**- 4 participants. Discussed the difference between a guideline and a policy. We got clarity about the evolution of the G&P in Area 5. We're talking about guideline and the prudence of the things we do at the area level. It was very exploratory and free flowing.

SCAAN – **Susanne W. - Chairperson** – Attended PRAASA and lead a round table. Found out that some areas mail their newsletters and others do it solely online. We had 2 people in attendance. Asked Javier to request help from the Spanish community for help with the layout. We have only 5 weeks to develop the next SCAAN. We will also have the calendar in every SCAAN from here on. The theme for the next SCAAN is the General Service outcomes.

Registration Committee –**Trent** – **Alt Chairperson** – Considering how we can better support our Registrar. We can assure that the forms are whole and complete. Assure there is a primary contact, address, apartment number, and more completed in each submission. We are coming up with a plan to do an inventory of the meetings that are listed.

Corrections Committee – Miguel – Chairperson - Thanked Dist. 4. There are 3 programs they are working on Metro 1011, Correspondence and Pre-release. They had 8 members in attendance. They need more contact with each other. They are working on the database pre-release request and connecting them to AA members. H&I in Culver City meets every month and the Corrections Committee will be meeting there also.

Website Committee – Jade – Committee Member - Went online to aascaa.org and found so much amazing information. She would love for Rye to do a presentation at the next assembly.

A/V Chair – Mikey – Chairperson - Learning to do this work with the A/V. If anyone needs me to show videos, I can come.

Grapevine Chair - Jesus – Chairperson - Spoke about importance of using Grapevine and La Vina in 12 Step Work. They are sending La Vina to the State of Oregon. Visit webpage for more information. Will be visiting districts to motivate them to subscribe. **Jamie- Alt. Chair** – The Grapevine website is awesome. You can get a print, online, and La Vina for \$49.97. Making Amends is a new publication. Encourage more membership. There is something called 4 seasons which are looking for stories from service people.

CPC Chair – Nikki – Chairperson - 7 people in attendance. It costs money to participate in professional events as a committee. We will be participating EAP Association International Conference on Oct 3-6. There are flyers asking for at least 16 volunteers for the Westin Bonaventure. We want to find out more about letters to contact professionals in the military, these are who we really need to reach because they are the ones who spot and help alcoholics.

Treatment Committee – **Nate** - **Alt Chairperson** – AA is working on letting people know what AA is and is not. We also work on Bridging the Gap programs. We need volunteers that are interested in going into treatment facilities to talk about AA, not so much about your own story but about your experience with AA.

Literature Committee – Faith – Chairperson – We are going to be working on educating Literature people within the area on how to present literature. Their focus is to develop a script for literature people.

Translation Committee - Jose - Chairperson - We are able to work on this with Susanne, Zoraida, and our chair. We can continue working with you all.

CEC – **David W.** – **Chairperson** – We're still growing. He called the Patrick C. at the GSO who was very helpful and said that not many areas have CEC committees. Some areas have Seniors In Sobriety committees. There has to be more CEC functions because our population is increasing. We may submit an agenda item requesting that we add a secondary committee at the General Service Conference.

Finance – Sean A. – Chairperson – Today is the deadline for budget request forms for 2018. Looked at the possibility of online contributions. The first budget meeting will be after the ACM. The second will be July 9th.

Old Business

Hispanic Women's Workshop Report - Zoraida - Chairperson -

December 3rd – Area 8 selected to host by draw of the hat. Areas 5, 6, 8, 9 & 93 participated in the Workshop. 70 Spanish speaking women attended the event from CA, CO, AZ, Mexico and one even came from Panama. The spirit of our workshop was to build up Hispanic alcoholic women, strengthen their understanding of our spiritual principles, encourage them to be of service in our fellowship, build sisterhood, and share our experience, strength, and hope with each other. Amy Brophy, editor of the Grapevine, Irene Donoso, editor of La Vina, and Paz Preciado - Nontrustee Director of Grapevine participated in the event. We had 2 Panels with 3 speakers each, roundtables, and report backs on Supporting the Newcomer, Sponsorship, Recovery & the Steps, Hispanic Women in Service, Needs of Hispanic Women in AA, and Safety in AA.

<u>Summary & Updates:</u> Puerto Rico had a workshop this past Saturday. Other area delegates have expressed an interest in duplicating our workshop. We have 3 new women's stag meetings in California, 2 in Area 5 and one in Area 9. A fourth is in the planning stage. This year we had our first roundtable at PRAASA 2017 with 43 Spanish-speaking women from 9 states present at the roundtable sharing their experience, strength and hope._Area 5 has created an Ad-Hoc committee for the event to facilitate participation from area members. Our efforts are working and Area 5 is at the forefront of this movement. Thank you for your support.

Motion: That Area 5 host the 2017 Hispanic Women's Workshop. Seconded.

No Discussion. Motion Passed Unanimously

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Roundtable Discussions and Report Back - Communicating the Actions of the 67th GSC Conference to Our Groups

Unbudgeted Request: Shawn, Finance Chair - Motion for an unbudgeted expense of \$600 for the security deposit for next year Pre-conference workshop at the Rosemead Community Recreation Center. Seconded, Discussion - Terry C., Accounts Treasurer – We have enough money in the account. **Passed by Unanimous vote**

GSR Sharing Session - "What's on Your Mind" - Open Microphone

Doug – Corrected the total for district contributions on report Q1 for 2017 on his financial report. Total district contributions for Q1 in 2017 is \$944.53.

Good and Welfare Announcements

Roll Call - Area Assembly (5/13/17) **Voting Assembly Members** Voting DCMs, GSRs, and Alternates 65 Voting DCMCs and Alternates 3 **Voting Committee Chairs and Alternates** 13 Area Officers Past Delegates 7 95 Non-Voting Assembly Members Non-Voting Alt DCMs & Alt GSRs 7 Non-Voting Alternate DCMCs 2 Non-Voting Alternate Committee Chairs 4 13 **Assembly Members** 108 Others in Attendance (Visitors) Total Attendance 115

Service Material from the General Service Office

ESTIMATED WORLDWIDE A.A. INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP MEMBERSHIP

YEAR	ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP	GROUPS	YEAR	ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP	GROUPS
1935	2	0	2001	2,215,293	100,131
1940	1,400	50	2002	2,092,460	103,768
1945	12,986	556	2003	2,066,851	104,589
1950	96,475	3,527	2004	2,082,980	105,294
1955	135,905	6,249	2005	1,867,212	106,202
1960	162,037	8,615	2006	1,996,935	106,477
1965	232,105	12,444	2007	2,044,655	113,168
1970	311,450	16,459	2008	2,085,125	116,773
1975	533,590	26,456	2009	2,103,033	115,773
1976	574,318	29,352	2010	2,057,672	107,976
1977	612,876	31,587	2011	2,133,842	114,070
1978	627,456	33,241	2012	2,131,549	114,642
1979	868,171	39,964	2013	2,138,421	115,358
1980	907,575	42,105	2014	2,040,629	115,326
1981	937,705	47,797	2015	2,089,698	117,748
1982	1,065,299	53,576	2016	1,962,499	109,872
1983	1,191,946	58,576			
1984	1,351,793	62,860			
1985	1,445,999	67,019			
1986	1,556,316	73,192			
1987	1,617,296	76,184			
1988	1,734,734	85,270			
1989	1,793,834	87,696			
1990	2,047,469	93,914			
1991	2,148,757	96,500			
1992	2,489,541	89,215			
1993	2,062,380	90,155			
1994	1,790,528	89,239			
1995	1,726,341	86,449			
1996	1,959,829	96,997			
1997	1,967,433	97,568			
1998	1,989,124	98,710			
1999	1,995,804	99,020			
2000	2,160,013	100,766			

Because A.A. has never attempted to keep formal membership lists, it is extremely difficult to obtain completely accurate figures on total membership at any given time. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with general service offices (G.S.O.s) around the world and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 181 countries including 62 autonomous G.S.O.s in other lands.

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People serving in more than one voting position:

- 1 DCM was present who also serves as Committee Chair. He was counted as a Voting Committee Chair and not as a Voting DCM.
- 1 DCM was present who also serves as Alt Committee Chair. He was counted as a Voting Alt Committee Chair and not as a Voting DCM.
- 1 GSR was present who also serves as DCM. He was counted as a Voting DCM and not a Voting GSR.
- 1 GSR was present who also serves as Alt DCM. He was counted as a Voting Alt DCM and not a Voting GSR.

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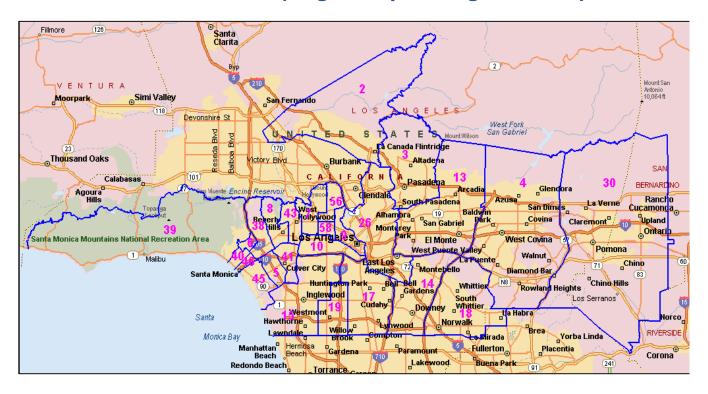
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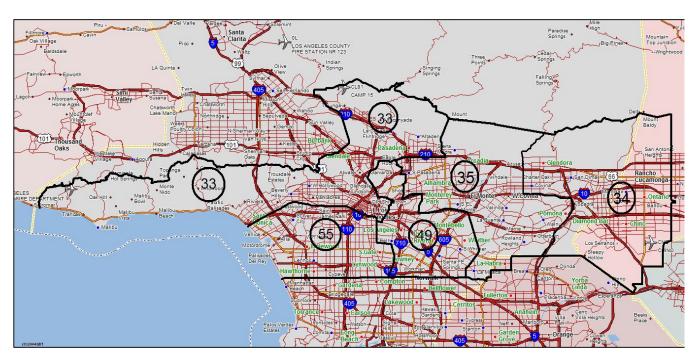
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AREA MAP (English-Speaking Districts)



AREA MAP (Spanish-Speaking Districts)



AREA o5 SUMMER 2017 ASSEMBLY

A.A. AREA 05

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUMMER AREA ASSEMBLY AGENDA Hosted by District 30 - Sunday – July 23, 2017 Pepper Tree Elementary School 1045 West 18th Street, Upland, CA 91784

Breakfast Fellowship & Registration - A.A. Meeting

8:00

English)

9:00	Welcome and One Full Minute of Silent Meditation - Serenity Prayer Call-to-Order
	AA Birthdays (May-July)
9:15	Roll Call – Registrar
9:25	Approval of Assembly Agenda - Chairperson - Lauren A.
	Approval of May 13, 2017 Assembly Minutes - Zoraida R. Secretary
9:30	Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings
	New GSR Orientation led by the Alt. Delegate, Thomas S.
10:30	Delegates Report - Thomas B.
11:15	Roundtable Discussions and Report Back (60 minutes with report backs)
	Presentation of material on Safety and Our Common Welfare
	Roundtables:
	1. What situations or issues have you had in your group that made members feel unsafe?
	2. What is your understanding of the kind of behavior that is or isn't acceptable in an A.A. meeting?
	3. What kind of plan for addressing disruptive behavior or procedures through their group conscience
	should your group have to ensure that the group's welfare is protected?
	4. Do you think that A.A. needs to have more strict safety policies and guidelines, what new language should
	be in the pamphlet and how can these be enforced?
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Presentation on the Area 5 Website - Rye G. Webmaster and Dave B., Chairperson
1:30	Audit Subcommittee Report
1:35	Introduction of New GSR's and Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports
2:35	Officer Reports : Registrar Brian P., Secretary Zoraida R., Alternate Delegate, Thomas S. Treasurers - Doug S.
	Contributions Treasurer - Presenting 2nd Quarter 2017 Report and Accounts Treasurer - Terry C -
	Presenting 2nd Quarter 2017 Report, Chairperson - Lauren A.
3:00	New Business - Un-budgeted Request for funds - Niki U Chairperson Cooperation with the Professional
	Community Committee.
3:30	GSR Sharing Session – "What's on Your Mind" – Open Microphone
	The Chair will open the Assembly floor for up to 20 minutes for sharing session. Area Assembly Members
	providing an opportunity to share helpful ideas, voice suggestions, ask questions, etc.
3:50	Good and Welfare Announcements Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish and